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~~_____~~ tribute to the 1987-88 President Venesa Conomos and her executive committee for making 1987-88, Gospya's most successful year and the \$12,500 raised to help build our new hall.

The 1988-89 executive committee is as follows:

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S T Y L I A N O S

BY GOD'S MERCY ARCHBISHOP OF AUSTRALIA

TO ALL THE CLERGY AND THE FAITHFUL OF OUR ARCHDIOCESE

Brother concelebrants and children in the Lord,

CHRIST IS RISEN!

It is indeed wonderful that this announcement concerning the defeat of death has replaced in the language of our Orthodox people every other greeting during the period of the Feast of Pascha. At the same time, however, we must admit that a greeting, which ceases to be an announcement, has already lost the centre of the joy that it wanted to give, running thereby the risk of not being justified even as a greeting!

The Resurrection of Christ constitutes the central event in the preaching of the Apostles. It is not simply the centre-most event, but the foundation stone, on which the entire edifice of the faith is based: "But if Christ is not risen, your faith is in vain" (I Cor. 15:17).

Why is the event of the Resurrection so significant? Does the continuity of life concern us so much—a life that often has tired and disappointed so many weak people, who have not hesitated to terminate their life forcibly and untimely, despite the after-death punishment imposed by the Church to deprive those who commit suicide of a funeral service? If the Resurrection were to mean a mere return to earthly life, there would certainly be a multitude of people who would not simply reject such a return, but who would also deny the Christian Faith that would set such priorities. It is evident, therefore, that our resurrection, in the light of the Resurrection of Christ, cannot mean a continuity of the miseries of worldly history, since it tires the majority of us and we would not like to live it again. Pascha, then, which literally means a passage, a crossing, a transition, must surely signify something beyond the known world.

Yet Pascha is not a state, nor is it merely a network of conditions. It is not just a feast or an anniversary. It is a new person, namely a new type of man, "a new creation", it is Christ

Himself, the ultimate point of God's love for His creation, the unheard of kind of life that we call theandric (divine-human) life. It is for this reason that we rightly sing "Pascha is Christ the deliverer" and we immediately add "He is the blameless Pascha, the great Pascha, the Pascha of the faithful". It is not, therefore, something simple and ordinary, nothing known or expected. In a world of disobedience and corruption, how could we possibly dream of a theandric existence or of a divine-human life? Having nearly lost faith forever in the nobility of man, how could we expect to experience the presence of the God-Man with us? It is precisely for this reason that God's love for man, as proved by the highest event of the Resurrection, cannot be contained in the mind and experience of the ordinary man, but is "the Pascha of the faithful"! Just as the ordinary man by forgetting his createdness cannot taste death where God is absent, likewise he cannot also suspect the life which is given to the corrupted world by the glory of the Transfiguration, as it is mystically realised by the Uncreated Love.


It is precisely this Resurrection that the faithful expect, this Pascha which signifies "a new earth" and a "new heaven", when God "will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away" (Rev. 21:4-5).

It is this victory that the God-Man made a reality for man within history. As for us the faithful, who receive the benefits, we confess: "He has passed us, who sing the triumphal hymn, from death to life".

To Him be the glory and the power unto the ages. Amen.

Holy Pascha, 1988.

With fervent prayers in Christ Risen,



Archbishop S T I A N O S

SOCIAL REPORT

EVE LONDY

Dearest Fellow Socialites,

It is with great pleasure, joy and enthusiasm that I write my first Social Report on behalf of Michael and myself. As Co-Social Chairman Michael and I have many exciting plans for the next twelve months and hope that we will continue to have the tremendous support from all our members that we have had in the past. We have an excellent sub-committee, which is well-balanced between experienced past committee members, (Helen Collivas, John Vidas and Dyan Mersiades), and fresh-blooded new committee members with, hopefully, hot new ideas. (Fiona Zouppas and Zam Pavlakis). However, despite the breadth of our social committee, I would like to stress that Michael and I would be more than happy to listen to any constructive criticism or social function suggestions from any Gospyan member. So, please feel free to contact us at any time with your ideas.

For our next taverna night, to be held on April 17, Gospya returns to the ever popular venue Hot Gossip. This should be an excellent night and I hope to see the vast majority of you there.

Coming up before this function, however is Greek Easter. May I remind you all that Gospya is the Youth Association affiliated to G.O.S.P. So why don't you all try to support the G.O.S.P. Easter Dance. Remember - We are a part of G.O.S.P. too!

This years' Miss Greek Community Quest will be held on Saturday, 4th June. Girls, if you feel that you would like to represent Gospya at this prestigious event would you please contact Michael (848 1989), or myself (848 6879).

The highlight of Gospya's Social Calender is without a doubt the Gospya Debutante Ball. This year the Ball will be held on Saturday, 22nd october. If you are interested in making your debut please contact Michael or myself. The first Debutante Practice will be held on Tuesday, 12th July at 7.30 p.m. at the new Church Hall.

That's all for now
Remember to keep raging
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FELLOWSHIP REPORT

GEORGE & ANDREW SAMIOS

Hi,

Welcome to a new year of orthodox fellowship fun!

It's going to be a busy year full of exciting things to do, for all you energetic Gospys.

We hope to see you at events such as fellowship volleyball, picnics, bowling nights, video nights, coast trips, tennis tournaments and other get togethers.

With the new hall almost completed we hope to plan even bigger and better events. Fellowship meets every second Friday from 7.30 p.m. to 8.45 p.m.

Hope to see you at our next meeting on 22nd April, 1988.

Your new fellowship committee

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